



**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Cunningham et al.

Examiner: Diane D. Yabut

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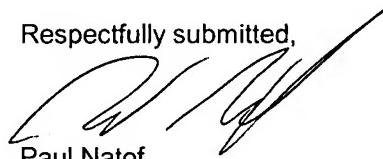
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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